(b) what steps are proposed to be taken to gear up our health core system to combat diseases spread by microbes;

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to tackle these diseases like malaria and TB in India; and

(d) whether any task force would be set up to focus efforts ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government is implementing a number of national programmes to combat common diseases like Malaria, TB, Leprosy, AIDS etc.

(c) The measures, inter-alia, include initiation of an exercise to conduct malariogenic stratification to promote rational use of insecticides, monitoring parasite and vector resistance to drugs and insecticides respectively and intensification of the programme in endemic pockets like tribal areas. Under the Tuberculosis Control Programme, short course chemotherapy drugs regimens, along with facilities for early detection is being promoted.

(d) The Government of India have already constituted Task Forces for reviewing the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) and National T.B. Control Programme.

Radioactive needles in patient's body

1794. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report in the Indian Express of 31st December, 1992 reporting that a number of radio active strands of irrideem had slipped and got lost in a patient's body, after being implanted in a tumour in her cervical region, in the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology in Bangalore, in November, 1992; and

(b) whether any inquiry has been set up into this incident if so, with what results ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of Karnataka has ordered an enquiry in the matter. The report of the enquiry is awaited.

गुजरात में सरकारी अस्पताल

1795. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी** क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार गुजरात में कोई अस्पताल चला रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और उनमें कार्यरत चिकित्सीय और परा-चिकित्सीय कर्मचारियों की अलग-अलग संख्या कितनी है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो गुजरात में रहने वाले केन्द्रीय सरकार के कर्मचारियों की चिकित्सा संबंधी कठिनाइयों को दूर करने हेतु उस राज्य में पर्याप्त संख्या में चिकित्सीय और परा-चिकित्सीय कर्मचारियों से युक्त केन्द्रीय सरकार के अस्पताल खोलने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं अथवा उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवार) : (क) और (ख) रेलवे, रक्षा और कर्मचारी राज्य